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MEMORANDUM

DATE:

October 30, 2009

TO:

Ms. Sharon L. Summers, DSS

Policy, Program & Development Unit

FROM:

Daniese McMullin-Powell. Chairperson

State Council for Persons with Disabilities

RE:

13 DE Reg. 407 [DSS Final Civil Rights Program & Public Relations Reg.]

The State Council for Persons with Disabilities (SCPD) has reviewed the Department of Health and Social Services/Division of Social Services' (DSSs) final Civil Rights Program & Public Relations regulations published as 13 DE Reg. 407 in the September 1, 2009 issue of the Register of Regulations. SCPD commented on the proposed version of this regulation in July. The Council promoted revision, rather than outright repeal, of the regulation covering publication of the Division's Civil Rights Policy.

The Division of Social Services has now adopted a final regulation. It agreed with the Council's recommendation and merely amended the existing regulation. Consistent with SCPDs commentary, DSS: 1) added an explicit recital that the policy will be available on the Division's website; and 2) retained a provision requiring the display of civil rights policy posters in all DSS offices.

SCPD truly appreciates that the Division favorably considered our comments and recommendations.

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